

21 October 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 16 October 1957

PRESENT: Mr. Cutler, Mr. Dearborn, Mr. Dulles, Mr. Herter,  
Mr. Larson, Mr. Quarles, Mr. Scribner, Mr. Smith,  
Mr. Staats

1. President's Meeting

Mr. Cutler gave a report on the meeting of 15 October between the President and his Scientific Advisory Committee.

2. Earth Satellite Program

The members of the Board were informed that the appropriate OCB Working Group is preparing suggested revisions in the guidance covering news releases on the satellite program, for presentation to the Board on October 30. In addition it was noted that the Working Group is developing a standby statement for use by the US National Committee for the International Geophysical Year in the event of successful Soviet launching of a second satellite.

The group then discussed at length the pros and cons of preparing a White Paper on the US missile and related programs, which would set forth our progress in these fields and the relation of these developments to defense capabilities of the free world. Mr. Quarles expressed considerable doubt as to whether enough new and unclassified information could be found to make such a paper meaningful and useful. It was generally agreed that, could such information be developed, a paper of this nature could be quite useful for informing Congress, the American people, and foreign peoples of the true position of the US. It was agreed that the Department of Defense should undertake to prepare a draft of such a paper and that the Board could then consider whether the draft met the criteria outlined above.

3. New Position for Mr. Larson

Mr. Larson reported that he would be vacating the position of Director of USIA in order to become a special Presidential assistant charged with psychological warfare responsibilities.

  
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Director

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